

LOCAL NEWS.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The regular monthly meeting of this society was held last night in their room, on King street, President G. R. Hill in the chair. The usual opening religious exercises were held, and in the absence of the Secretary, on motion, T. J. Brown was appointed to that office pro tem.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

The Executive Committee reported the following for membership:—Rev. Dr. J. L. Killgore, Rev. S. P. Bruce, Wm. Wheatley, J. H. Parton, Henry E. Brown, and Frank E. Corbett, active, and Louis E. Peyton, associate. The General Secretary reported \$29.53, result of monthly contribution fund, subject to the draft of the Treasurer.

The Relief Committee reported that since its organization they have received in cash \$82.73, and disbursed the full amount, and had closed their work for the season.

Favorable reports from the various activities of the society were read and accepted. The President was authorized to procure four racks for Bibles, tracts and books, for deposit in the depots and steamers; the Bible in each to remain in the rack, and the other volumes for gratuitous distribution. An appropriation of ten dollars for the purpose of purchasing a case of English books for the racks, was authorized.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution, substituting the word "Friday" for "Tuesday" was taken up, discussed, and laid upon the table unanimously.

The Relief Committee were authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for \$3.09 for amount of compensation due to assistant visitor of the various wards.

The General Secretary was authorized to employ some person to distribute the monthly notices.

The association then, after their usual harmonious session, adjourned after singing the Doxology.

SUICIDE OF DR. BRANDT.—Many of the readers of the Gazette will recollect Dr. Brandt, who officiated here, until his real character was discovered, as the pastor of the Lutheran Church and of whose reported suicide since then they have frequently heard. From the annexed account it is reasonable to suppose that the cry of wolf is at last true. A Rome (Ga.) correspondent writes that about six weeks ago a man calling himself Rev. J. E. Lawrence, D. D., "late of West Maryland College," arrived in that town, where he formed a partnership, opened a school for boys and young men, giving references to persons in North Carolina and elsewhere. One of these being applied to, replied that he did not know Lawrence, but the description applied to one Brandt, who had left the writer's neighborhood in debt. Lawrence's partner wrote to West Maryland College (wherever that was) touching its late professor of Hebrew and Greek literature, and received a reply again identifying the adventurer with Brandt. The school went on, but the doctor got behind hand in money affairs, and on April 1st bought a pistol, which he got the salesman to load for him. In the evening his landlord asked him to pay his board, and they had some words. Half an hour later the sound of a pistol-shot was heard from his room, and when an entrance was effected the body of the old man was found lying against the door, with a pistol-ball through the temple. Three letters were found on the table, one addressed to his late associate, complaining of his treatment; a second to his landlord and family, thanking them for kindnesses; and the contents of the third were not reported. On the following day the remains were buried by the coroner.

FINDING OF AN UNKNOWN DEAD BODY.—Yesterday evening a one-armed colored man named Henry Butler, found the dead body of a white woman on the opposite shore of the river about three hundred yards above the ferry house, where it had probably been left by the receding tide. It had been upon the shore probably for two or three days, and in the water possibly for a longer period, had been eaten by the buzzards and dogs, and was so much disfigured as to be unrecognizable. It was dressed in high quartered coarse leather shoes, ribbed yarn socks, around one of which was a garter made of a strip of calico, coarse cotton and woolen petticoats, worn black and white calico dress, and a red and white open worked worsted cape. It was of medium height, and was apparently that of a woman beyond middle age, as most of the teeth were gone and as the hair was turning gray. As it was found in the District of Columbia, policeman Arnold of Washington was down to look at it this morning and said a coroner's inquest would be held upon it this afternoon. It is understood that a woman has been missing from Washington for some weeks, and it may possibly be her body. It, to a cursory examination, exhibited no marks of violence, and the hands were clasped as though she had met her death with composure.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—Eminent Sir Knight John Robin McDaniel, Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Virginia, has granted to Sir Knight F. A. Reid, Commander, Sir Knight Wm. H. Lambert, Generalissimo, Sir Knight Geo. R. Shinn, Captain General, a "Dispensation" to open a Commandery of Knights Templar in this city, to be designated "Old Dominion Commandery" No. —, with full power to confer the valiant and magnanimous order of "Knights Templar" and append degrees. It is expected the Commandery will permanently occupy the 3d story of the handsome new building to be erected on Cameron street by Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, which will be constructed with a view to their wants. There are 14 Commanderies of Knights Templar in this State, having a membership of 800 Sir Knights. There are 12 Sir Knights in this city, all of whom will affiliate with the new Commandery, and we hope soon to chronicle the complete success of their efforts to advance the cause of Christian Knighthood.

WHO IS TO BLAME.—A subscriber in New York city complains of the delay occasioned, from some cause, in the receipt of the Gazette, and sends us a carefully prepared statement of the days on which it reaches there, showing that three, four and sometimes five days elapse between the days of publication and the receipt of the paper in New York, and asks "who is to blame?" To which we answer that the fault is not with us. His paper, as that of all our subscribers, is carefully put up and placed in the Postoffice in this city, where our control ceases. Why there should be any delay we cannot tell, as he says the Richmond papers reach New York the morning after publication, and letters mailed here at night should and do reach there the next evening at 6 o'clock. We hope the Postmaster here, and his efficient assistants, will give this matter their attention, and if possible ascertain where the delay occurs and remedy the complaint.

RETAINED LETTERS.—The following letters are retained in the Postoffice for want of stamps:—Rachael McDaniel, Madison Run Station, Va.; Conway Taylor, Orange C. H., Va.; M. Cornwell, Manassas Station, Va.; H. Sacks, Baltimore, Md.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD.—This Board met for adjournment, at 11 o'clock this morning, but did not adjourn until so late an hour that we could not obtain its proceedings in time for to-day's issue. They will appear to-morrow.

OUR WASHINGTON DISPATCH failed to reach us to-day.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL.—Considerable excitement was created in the neighborhood of the jail early this afternoon by an attempt made by a colored man named William Williams to escape from that prison. The particulars of the affair, gathered from the evidence of the witnesses examined by Justice Beach, are as follows: While the turnkey, Mr. Bun Clive, was, as usual, turning the prisoners into the yard about the middle of the day, he was seized from behind by Williams, who attempted to force him into a cell. Mr. Clive told him that if he did not loose his hold he would shoot him, and suited the action to the word as well as he could, but as his arms were pincioned to his side he shot at such disadvantage that the ball did not take effect, and his assailant, after a desperate struggle, succeeded in wrenching the pistol from his grasp. His arms, however, being now free, Mr. Clive attempted to throw the keys he had in his hand to two of the prisoners who were in another compartment, but they fell short and both he and his assailant sprang for them. He succeeded in getting possession of the one which locked the door of the compartment in which he was, and threw it to a colored woman named Phillis Wilkins, telling her to fasten the door which she did immediately. Then being satisfied that neither his assailant nor any of the other prisoners could escape, he drew his own pistol and fired around the corner of the corridor. Assistance then arriving the would be jail breaker was secured and ironed, and committed upon that charge in addition to that of harness stealing, for which he had been confined there.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge E. M. Lowe presiding.—To-day, Mrs. H. K. Ellery was appointed guardian to James H. Massey and Lilian Duncan Massey, infants, over 14 years of age, of Wm. D. Massey, deceased.

FARMERS' BANK OF VIRGINIA vs. Joo. Arnold; in case; judgment against defendant by consent.

George Johnston et al. vs. Southern Protection Insurance Company; in case; removed to Circuit Court of Alexandria city.

Joo. M. Fant vs. W. W. Adam; in case; jury appeared in Court pursuant to adjournment, and failing to agree, a juror was withdrawn and the jury discharged, and the case continued.

The case of Solomon Meyenberg et al. vs. Chas. M. Taylor, was in progress at the close of this report.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Mary Kelly, who had escaped from the work house, for disorderly conduct, was sent back to her old quarters.

MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE.—William Williams, colored, committed to jail last week for stealing harness, was re-examined and re-committed for further examination on Saturday.

COUNTY MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE.—A warrant was issued in the county yesterday for the arrest of a young man named John Bartlett, charged by a colored woman, named Miller, with threatening to shoot her, on Columbian turnpike, between Fort Ruyton and the Long Bridge.

NIGHT REPORT.—Night clear and cold. There were no disturbances in any quarter of the city, nor any arrests nor any prisoners at the station house.

HYDRAULIC STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY.—At a called meeting of this company, held last night, Vice President Carne in the chair, and T. H. Ficklin Secretary, the Building Committee reported that Mr. E. H. Delahay would put up the new front for \$360, and that they had several offers for parts of the work, but thought it most expedient to accept Mr. D.'s proposal. The company instructed them to do so, and appointed Mr. Joseph H. Young a committee to solicit subscriptions in aid of the work, the amount of funds on hand being insufficient to pay for it. Mr. Thomas Lannon was charged from the honorary to the active roll.

CANAL TRADE.—Ninety three boats left Cumberland on Monday, carrying 4,329.08 tons of coal.

Local Brevities.

The visit of the Brotherhood of the Union to Washington, Monday night, was a very agreeable one. The visitors were met at the wharf and escorted, proceeded by a band of music, to Old Fellows Hall, where several addresses were delivered, among them one by Dr. J. B. Johnson of this city.

In the fourth apportionment of school funds for the year 1871-2, by the State Board of Public Instruction, Alexandria city receives \$499.50 and Alexandria county \$189.30; Fairfax \$638.10; Fauquier \$941.85; Loudoun \$996.60; and Prince William \$395.40.

The many friends of Col. Rhett, will regret to learn that he has been paralyzed and consequently compelled to resign his position in the Egyptian army. It is understood that he will return to this city immediately.

At a meeting of the Knights of St. Patrick held in Harlow's Building last night, M. H. Nash, was elected Assistant Commander and C. O'Leary, jr., Assistant Recorder; and four new members were admitted.

Several members of the lodges of Knights of Pythias, of this city, witnessed the grand procession of that order in Baltimore yesterday. The Knights here will be uniformed in a short time.

Work on the new Market House has so far progressed, as to show something of its extent and proportions. It will be a fine, commodious building, and an ornament to the city.

Mr. Michael Smith, who lives on the corner of Queen and Patrick streets, has a hen which last week laid three eggs, each of which weighed three ounces and a half.

Sturgeon begin to make their appearance. Mr. William Jarvis caught a very large one in a net yesterday opposite town. Some said it weighed near 200 lbs.

The claims of Alfred Ricker and Wm. Cleveland, of Fairfax, for timber used during the war, were heard yesterday before the Southern Claims Commission.

The high winds and cool weather for the last few days, have not been favorable to the Potomac Fisheries.

Fairfax County Court met on Monday, and after the transaction of the business before it adjourned to-day.

There was a heavy white frost last night, and thin ice formed on shallow pools and on water in turbs.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, April 22, the steamer LADY OF THE LAKE will leave her wharf at Washington on MONDAY and THURSDAY, at 2 p. m., leaving Alexandria at 2:30 p. m.; returning will leave Norfolk TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 3 p. m., arriving at Alexandria and Washington, connecting with early morning trains.

M. ELDRIDGE & CO., Agents, No. 4 South wharves.

W. M. B. BERKLEY would call attention to his large stock of

Plaid, Striped and Plain Nainsooks, Undressed Cambrics, Victoria Lawns, Striped and Plain Swiss Muslin.

These goods are very desirable and cheap. Also a large assortment of Gents' and Ladies' Linen Handkerchiefs, with many other desirable goods.

NEW GOODS.—Snuff Fayard et Blayn, Durno's Catarrh Snuff, Hamlin's Wizard Oil, large and small sizes, Flag's Instant Relief, large and small sizes, Tar Troches, Pond's Extract of Witch Hazel, Houghton's Peppine, Cordial, and Walker's Vinegar Bitters, for sale, both wholesale and retail, by

JANNEY & CO., ap 17

GOSHEN BUTTER—5 tubs fine fresh New York State Butter received to-day by

J. C. MILBURN, ap 17

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

[DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

Accident on the C. & O. R. R.—(CHARLOTTESVILLE, April 17.)—The eastern bound train on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad ran off the track near Jerry's Run to-day. The engineer was slightly hurt and the engine and express car somewhat damaged. H.

Foreign News.

NEW YORK, April 17.—A special dispatch from London says: Arbitration is at a complete standstill until a reply is received from Washington to the English protest. The nature of the protest inspires little hope in the success of future negotiations.

LONDON, April 17.—The vote in the House of Commons yesterday on the resolution relative to local taxation resulted in the defeat of the government by 100 majority.

PARIS, April 17.—The authorities of Bayonne, capital of the Department of Basse-Pyrenees, which adjoins the Spanish border, have seized a quantity of munitions of war, which were destined for the use of the Carlists. The government has issued orders to the commanders of troops on the frontier to exercise extraordinary vigilance to prevent any movement which may be made on French territory in sympathy with the Carlists.

From Mexico.

MATAMORAS, April 16.—A courier reached here to-day with dispatches to General Palacios with Vera Cruz dates to the 12th instant, by telegraph to Tampico, which place he left on the 13th instant. General Cevallos sailed from Vera Cruz on the 12th instant, with reinforcements for Matamoros, and is expected off the mouth of the Rio Grande to night. The news from the interior is favorable to the government, as the revolutionists are not reported in any large bodies throughout the country, having divided into small parties under their respective chiefs to depredate on the villages.

Trevino and Quiroga's revolutionists are still near Reynosa, inactive on account of a want of funds, the troops refusing to move on Matamoros without provisions and pay.

Troops are being sent from Fort Brown, Texas, up the Rio Grande to prevent cattle stealing, by occupying the principal crossings. Several companies are en route from San Antonio, Texas, for the same purpose.

From New York.

NEW YORK, April 17.—The weather is clear and cold.

General Butler will not speak at the Republican meeting to-night.

Weaver's warehouse on 9th Avenue, was burned this morning. Loss \$15,000.

Sudden Death.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., April 17.—Rev. Dr. George B. Ide, a well known Baptist minister, died suddenly of heart disease last night. He was for many years a resident of Philadelphia.

Fire.

SARATOGA, N. Y., April 17.—Henry Knickerbocker's scythe works at Ballston Spa, were burned to-day. Loss \$50,000; partially insured.

Weather Report.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER.

WASHINGTON, April 17, 10 a. m.

Probabilities.—The barometer will continue falling from the upper likes to the western Gulf, with easterly winds over the former to southerly over the latter, and increased cloudiness, and gradually extend during this afternoon and to-night over the south Atlantic and Middle States. Threatening weather and rain will probably prevail from Tennessee northward and westward and possibly southward to the Gulf, and extend eastward over the south Atlantic and Middle States during to-night. Dangerous winds are not anticipated.

The Markets.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Stocks strong, Gold steady at 104. Money very firm at 7. Va. sixes 54; new 58. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat quiet and heavy. Corn dull and unchanged.

BALTIMORE, April 17.—Va. sixes, consolidated, 53 1/2. W. Va. 5, 16 1/2. Cotton quiet but firm; low middlings 22 1/2. Flour quiet but firm and prices unchanged. Wheat firm and unchanged. Corn firm and scarce, white Southern 66 1/2; yellow do. 66; mixed Western 64. Oats firm; Western 56 1/2; Southern 57 1/2. Rye nominally unchanged and nothing doing.

AROMATIC COD LIVER OIL, being the best Newfoundland Cod Liver Oil, pleasantly flavored, which removes the nauseous fishy taste, so objectionable in the plain oil, makes it acceptable to the most delicate stomach. Just received and for sale by

WARFIELD & HALL, ap 17

VINEGAR.—Having been appointed agent for the sale of the Baltimore Pearl Hominy Co.'s PURE CIDER VINEGAR, the purity and strength of which is guaranteed, I have received 25 barrels of the same, which I offer to the trade at low rates.

J. C. MILBURN, ap 17

PEACH BUTTER.—I have entirely closed out my stock of Quince Butter, and will sell the few remaining buckets of Peach Butter cheap for cash, at 147 King street.

W. F. BROOKES, ap 17

FRESH TOASTED COFFEE received daily and ground, if desired by the purchaser.

GEO. McBURNIE & SON, ap 17

25 BELLS REFINED SUGARS in store and for sale at the lowest market rates by

GEO. McBURNIE & SON, ap 17

PRIME NEW YORK STATE BUTTER just received by

G. W. RAMSAY, ap 17

GEORGE & JENKINS' "MARYLAND" BRAND HAMS, small and medium sizes, just received by

G. W. RAMSAY, ap 17

FISHING TACKLE, Lines, Hooks, &c., wholesale and retail by

JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS, ap 17

LADIES' READ THIS—DOLLY VARDEN MEAL SIEVES; a nice article, for sale by

JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS, ap 17

NEW YORK STATE BUTTER at 147 King street.

W. F. BROOKES, ap 17

5 HINDS SIDE AND SHOULDER BACON received this day and for sale low by

AVERY & DAVIDSON, ap 5

LACE POINTS AND SAQUES.—A large stock of Ladies' Points and Saques, which we will sell cheap.

HOOVES, ASHBY & CO., ap 9

WHITE WASH BRUSHES, a full assortment for sale by

AVERY & DAVIDSON, ap 5

COTTONADES AND KENTUCKY JEANS. A full line of the above goods from 12 1/2 to 75c.

HOOVES, ASHBY & CO., ap 9

PARASOLS AND SUN UMBRELLAS, of all grades and latest styles.

HOOVES, ASHBY & CO., ap 9

BENJ. W. NALLS, Manufacturer and

WHOLESALE DEALER IN BROOMS, No. 229 King street, Alexandria, Virginia.

LAMP CHIMNEYS.

Seventy-five groce Fire-proof, Sun, Comet, O. K. and Hinge Chimneys; also Sun, Comet, Sun-hinge, Argand, Favorite, Orient and No. 1 chimney Burners, just received at 65 King street.

E. J. MILLER, mh 28-3m

Mr. S. Dealham, Having just returned from New York, where he has been for some time buying for the firm of

I. SCHWARTZ & CO., ("SAREPTA CLOTHING HALL")

we take pleasure in announcing that we have now on hand the

BEST WEARING APPAREL that could be found in New York, made of the finest of English, Scotch and French material, and in style and workmanship equal to any merchant tailors' manufacture, while in quality some of our goods excel any other to be found elsewhere in this city, all of which will be sold cheap according to quality.

Our stock of Gents' Furnishing Goods, such as Fine Merino, Gauze and Lisle Thread Under-Shirts, Jeans and Linen Drawers, &c., is complete, and our stock of Silk Neck Wear replete with the latest novelties.

I. SCHWARTZ & CO., ap 16

Spring Opening.—at—

S. BLONDHEIM'S CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT, Corner King and Fairfax streets.

The subscriber begs leave to state that he has just returned from the North with a large and well selected stock of

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING, of all the leading styles. These goods were all purchased at the late advance in Woollens. Twenty-five per cent can be saved by buying early.

S. BLONDHEIM, Corner King and Fairfax sts.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

DISEASED DIGESTION.—If chronic indigestion affected the stomach only it might be more easily borne; but it gives rise, inevitably, to many other diseases affecting the liver, the nerves, the bowels and the brain. Biliousness, nervous tremors, constipation, headache, and terrible mental disturbances are among its usual accompaniments. In fact, every organ, every fibre of the frame sympathizes with the debilitated and diseased stomach. What is needed in such a case? Clearly an alternative and invigorant; and among medicines of that class Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is beyond all comparison or estimate, the best. Mere purgatives only deprive the system of the little strength that disease has left. Salivators have the same effect. The whole internal organism has gone wrong, and can only be put right and kept right by a medicine in which the tonic and stimulating elements predominate, but are qualified and modified by anti-bilious aperients and blood-purifying components. Now, the truth is (and the need is) that Hostetter's Bitters contain every ingredient requisite for the cure of dyspepsia, and all the ailments of body and mind which it involves. This has been proved in so many thousands of instances that it seems almost idle to repeat the statement.

The great tonic rarely exhausted nature, from whatever cause enfeebled, and permanently recruits the vigor of the nerves, the muscles and the brain. Its effect upon the brain is to give strength to the will and precision to the judgment, and to banish despondency and that infirmity of purpose which generally accompanies bodily weakness.

Dr. Tutts Liver Pills are a mild and gentle purgative, possessing the peculiar merit of acting as a powerful agent in relieving congestive or torpid liver. They have no equal.

Dr. Tutts Hair Dye imparts a Glossy Color.

AMUSEMENTS.

SAREPTA HALL.

CONCERT,—by the

ALEXANDRIA SINGING ASSOCIATION, Conducted by Prof. EVANS.

to aid in building the **WHARF CHAPEL**, to be placed at the above-named Hall, on FRIDAY, the 19th inst.

Tickets 50 cents—for sale at the bookstores; Becker's music store; by the members of the Association and others.

OFFICE OF THE CITY GAS WORKS. Monthly consumers of gas are hereby notified that bills falling due on the 15th of April are now ready for delivery. All bills paid on or before the 1st of May will be at the rate of \$8 per thousand cubic feet. If paid after the 1st, 10 per cent will be added.

J. ROXBURY, Sup't. ap 16-17

RECEIVED TO-DAY.

20 boxes large MESSINA ORANGES, and Also a fresh lot of BANANAS, at

M. BOSSART'S, ap 15-31

A NEW BOOK, by the author of "Cometh up as a Flower," for sale at FRENCH'S, 95 King street.

GOOD BYE, SWEETHEART, by Rhoda Broughton, author of "Cometh up as a Flower," "Red as a Rose is She," &c. Paper covers, 75c; bound \$1.25.

True as Steel, a novel, by Marion Harland, author of Alone, Hidden Path, Moss Side, &c. \$1.50.

Henry Esmond, of the new Crown Edition of Thackeray; splendidly illustrated. 1 vol.; \$3.25. The Adventures of Philip, of the same edition. \$3.25.

Una and Her Paupers, memorials of Agnes Elizabeth Jones, by her sister, with an introductory by Florence Nightingale. 2s.

Just received a supply of Scherzer's Globes, 8, 9 and 12 inch. These Globes have been adopted by the State Board for the Public Schools of Virginia. As the manufacturer's agent, I am prepared to furnish schools at the State contract price. Every family should own one of these Globes. Nothing more entertaining or instructive for old or young.

GEO. E. FRENCH, ap 12

WILLIAM A. JOHNSON, COLE & CO., Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

ALL KINDS OF FRESH AND SALT FISH. Are prepared to furnish the trade with FRESH FISH from their stands, in the Market square. Their well known reputation in the above business is offered as an inducement to our customers, who will be fairly dealt with and get what they buy.

Orders from the country will receive their special attention.

EARTHENWARE, CHINA, &c.

I am now receiving my **SPRING STOCK**, to which the attention of country merchants and dealers generally is invited. When you can buy as cheap at home, why go abroad for goods? Call and examine my stock and prices, and I will satisfy you that you can do as well here as anywhere else.

E. J. MILLER, mh 28-3m

BAGS! Having taken the agency of a large Eastern